UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

PABLITO VEGA,

Plaintiff,

Case No. 23-CV-1357

VS.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTION LOCAL INITIATIVES SUPPORT CORPORATION MILWAUKEE OFFICE,

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTION MILWAUKEE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,

Defendants.

DECLARATION OF DAVID E. LATONA IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS FOR FAILURE TO STATE A CLAIM

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) SS
COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE)

- I, David E. Latona, having been first duly sworn on oath, depose and state the following:
- 1. I make this Declaration in support of Defendants' Motion to Dismiss for Failure to State a Claim Upon Which Relief May be Granted.
- 2. I have personal knowledge of all facts attested to within this Declaration.
- 3. I am currently the President of the Milwaukee Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and have been employed by the organization since 1998.
- 4. I have personal knowledge of the Diverse Business Initiative Grant program and MEDC's administration thereof.

- 5. MEDC did not receive final guidance on how it was to disburse the grants from the Wisconsin Department of Administration until January 2023.
- 6. Due to this, MEDC was unable to approve grant applications until January 10, 2023.
- 7. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated this 15th day of December, 2023.

David E. Latona

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of December, 2023

Notary Public, State of Wisconsin My Commission: 07/10/2027